

From the Principal



Good Luck

I would like to wish all of our Year 12 students sincere best wishes as they finish their final year at Valley View Secondary School, in particular the students sitting external exams. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our Year 12 teachers who have spent countless hours assisting students and helping them prepare for success.

Pleasing NAPLAN and PAT data

NAPLAN results show continued, sustainable growth in Reading, which has been a primary focus of our teaching this year. Pleasingly, we are rapidly increasing the percentage of our students retained in the higher bands of reading. In 2017, this number was doubled from 2016 and we have maintained that trend into 2018, doubling percentage from 2017. This reflects teachers identifying these students early and consistently differentiating their teaching in the classroom to maintain rigour and challenge. PAT (Progressive Achievement Testing) Reading data also shows consistency, with more students meeting the state benchmark. Similarly, PAT-M Numeracy data is showing improvement in more students meeting the state benchmark. The majority of students have shown desired growth in their test results this year.

Year 7's to High School Update

Recently, the Government has confirmed that Year 7 public school students will attend high school from Term 1, 2022. The move will align South Australia's public schools with the national curriculum taught in high schools making it easier to deliver subjects and improve outcomes for students. Access to dedicated facilities and resources and exposure to different teaching styles will also give each Year 7 student opportunities for deeper learning, greater peer interactions, and greater independence and responsibility.

For more information visit www.education.sa.gov.au/7tohs

Course Counselling

I would like to acknowledge the work of everyone who was involved in this process the past couple of weeks. Thank you to parents who took the time to assist their child in selecting subjects and to staff who guided students to have a meaningful future pathway.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work by Assistant Principal, Bill Tonkin in organising both subject counselling evenings and making them such a success.

Greg Cox

Term Dates—2019

Term 1	29 January—12 April
Term 2	29 April—5 July
Term 3	22 July—27 September
Term 4	14 October—13 December

House Points (update)

Yellow	2600
Blue	2476
Red	2324
Green	1844

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Diary Dates

Term 4

Monday 5—16 November

Year 12 Exams

Monday 12 November

Art Exhibition—Opening Night
6:00pm—7:00pm

Monday 12—16 November

Art Exhibition 9:00am—3:00pm

Wednesday 14 November

Finance Meeting 6:00pm
Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday 20 November

Learning Expo 5:30pm—7:00pm

Thursday 22 November

Year 12 Graduation and Formal

Thursday 22 November

Year 11 Exams

Friday 23 November

Year 11 Exams

Monday 26 November

Year 11 Jumpstart Program

Tuesday 27 November

Year 11 Jumpstart Program

Wednesday 28 November

Year 11 Monarto Excursion
Last day for Year 11 students

Tuesday 4 December

Year 7 Orientation Day
Parent Evening 5:30pm—6:30pm

Wednesday 5 December

Governing Council Dinner

Reporting Student Absence

If your child is absent please contact Valley View Secondary School on 8360 6111 before 9am to provide a brief reason for the absence (eg Illness or Family). If your child is marked unexplained for Homegroup and we have not been notified, a text message will be sent to the first Parent/Caregiver's mobile. Please communicate student lateness or early departure via your child's diary. If you anticipate that your child will be absent for more than 5 consecutive days an Exemption Form need to be completed. These can be obtained from the Front Office.

Breakout—Coles Minis



Breakout has been collecting Coles mini collectables in an effort to use them to help students understand the concepts of budgeting and money when they go shopping. Our plan is to use the items to create shopping scenarios with the students. The reason we're using Coles minis is because students will be able to identify with the items in store with the minis used in Breakout. This will create a realistic learning experience, making the students learning from the classroom relatable to real life products. From the combined efforts of staff, parents and students, Breakout was able to collect enough mini collectables for two complete sets. Breakout would also like to thank Coles for donating 60 random mini collectables to help with our collection.



Breakout is still looking to increase its collection and hopefully make a few more complete sets to allow us to do group work with the students. If you have any spare mini collectables at home, we would be more than happy to take them off of your hands. Any extras that we have will be donated to Autism SA who is collecting the mini collectables for the same reasons as Valley View Secondary School.



Nathan Dalziel
Student & Special Education Support Officer

Year 8 Science—Mission to Mars



On Wednesday the 31st of October and Thursday the 1st of November, Year 8 students had the opportunity to attend Hamilton Secondary College and take part in their Mission to Mars program. Mission to Mars is a scenario-based program in which the students work in teams to complete a geological survey of the Mars surface. Students were dressed in their spacesuits and assigned their role for the Mission. Mission Control Officers were given the responsibility of keeping the Astronauts safe on the Mars surface. They were to communicate with the Astronauts from the Mission Control Room and assist with collecting the samples and the data required, while also solving diagnostic problems.

Astronauts were dressed in their spacesuits before entering a simulated airlock. Once the Astronauts stepped onto the Mars surface they had specific jobs to complete for the mission and needed to communicate their findings back to the team in Mission Control. At the end of the first mission, students swapped roles before undertaking a second mission. Each student was able to experience both the Mission Control and the Mars surface. After the missions were completed the students entered the research laboratory and began to analyse samples and take part in scientific investigations.

*"It was a great excursion!
We got to learn a lot
about Mars and
experience what people
who work for NASA do."*

Dylan Taylor
Year 8 Student

The day was an engaging and educational experience where students were able to relate their studies of Earth Science to a practical experience.

Ms Nakita Anzellotti
Science Teacher



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Every Student Matters

Artwork: Amber Mastbury, YR 10, Acrylic and wax on board



2018 VVSS
ART
EXHIBITION
Featuring

Selected student work from:

**VISUAL ART, MEDIA ART, TECHNOLOGIES,
MUSIC & CREATIVE WRITING**

And Showcasing SACE Stage 1 and 2 Final Assessment Work

You're Invited to the

OPENING NIGHT LAUNCH

Monday the 12th November, Time: 6pm-7pm



Join us at the opening night as Guest Speaker, City of Salisbury Mayor, Gillian Aldridge OAM, officially opens the Exhibition.

Live Music

by VVSS Music Students

Finger Food

by VVSS Home Ec Students



Exhibition Runs from:
Monday 12.11.18 - Friday 16.11.18

*The public are invited to attend and admire the artwork during the week. 9am - 3pm.
Simply sign in at the School front office and a staff member will show you through.*



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You're invited to our...

Learning EXPO

Tuesday 20th November, 5.30-7.00pm

\$10 Million
Facilities Upgrade
Starting in 2019



High Expectations, High Achievement

DIVERSE SUBJECT OFFERINGS IN 2019
MUSIC IMMERSION PROGRAM
PERFORMING ARTS IMMERSION PROGRAM

*An internationally accredited school
where every child is known, valued
& achieves their potential*

A Focus on Career, Industry & VET Pathways

100%
SACE
Completion



A growing school of choice, Valley View
are still accepting new enrolments for 2019

Principals Address 5.40pm
Tours start at 6.00pm
Students presenting their learning



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